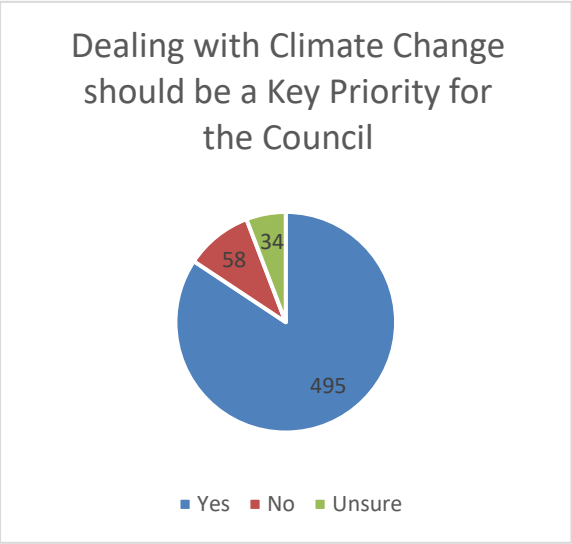
Climate Change Residents Survey 2020 Feedback

Aspect	Comment	BDC
Method	Online Survey	✓
Carried out	4 weeks Summer 2020	✓
Themes	Energy, Transport, Resources & Biodiversity	✓
General feedback	High response rate	471
Comments	Engaged and interactive	1,902

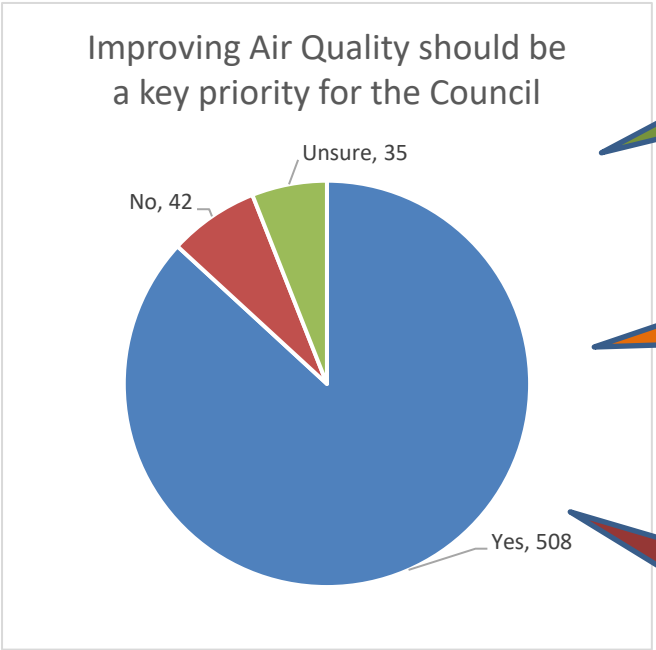
Headines	
92%	Of residents are concerned about Climate Change
86%	Acknowledged they need to change their way of life to reduce carbon
84%	Dealing with Climate change should be a key priority for both Councils
87%	Air quality should be a key priority for the Councils
88%	The councils should further invest in reducing energy consumption
85%	The Councils should invest further in renewable energy



Dealing with climate change should underpin all other decisions. If not, the world is in danger for future generations.

Ensuring future housing developments aren't in isolated pockets that can only be accessed by car is the most obvious way I would hope

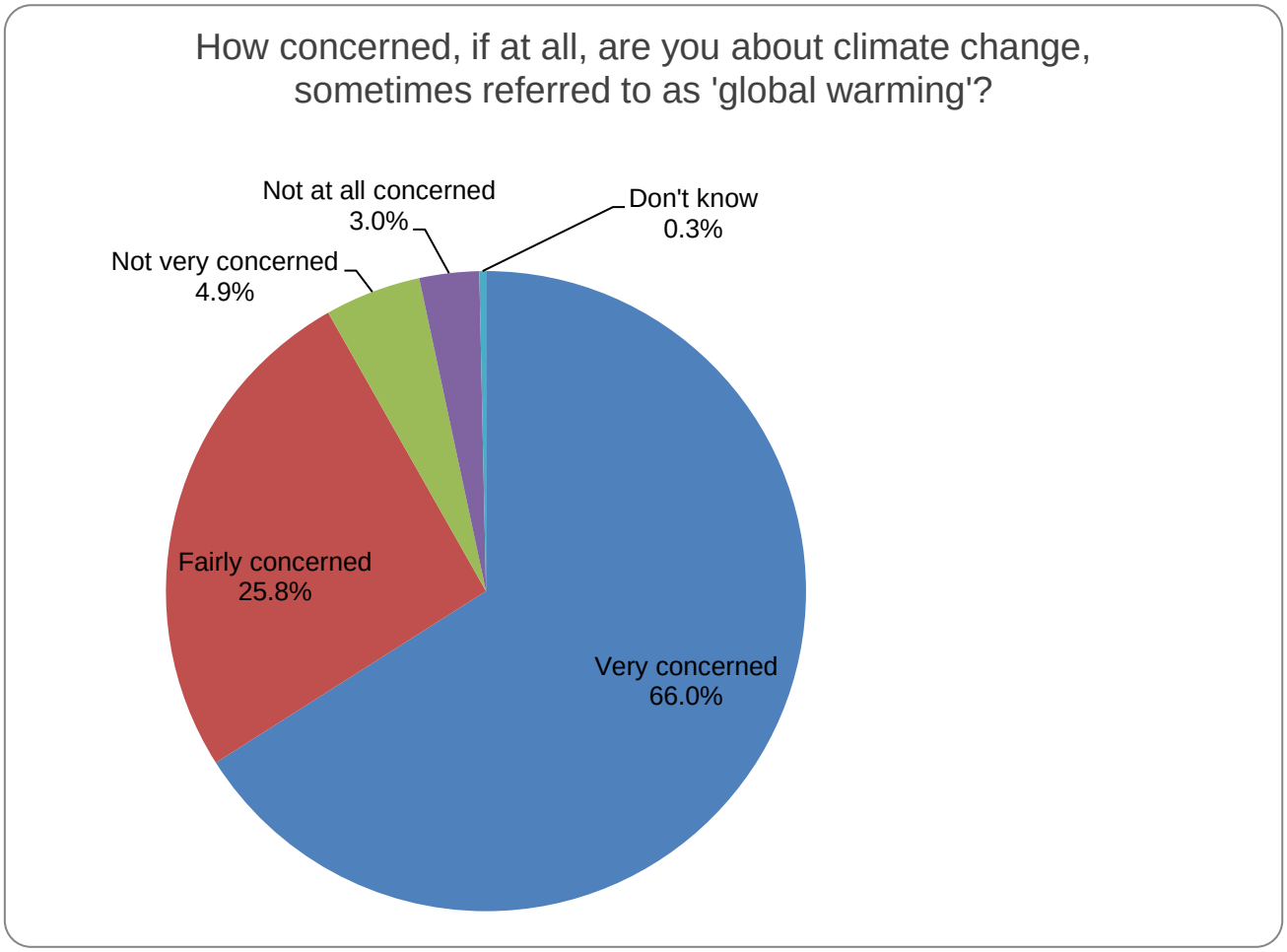
District council can do some things but big impacts need county or government lead

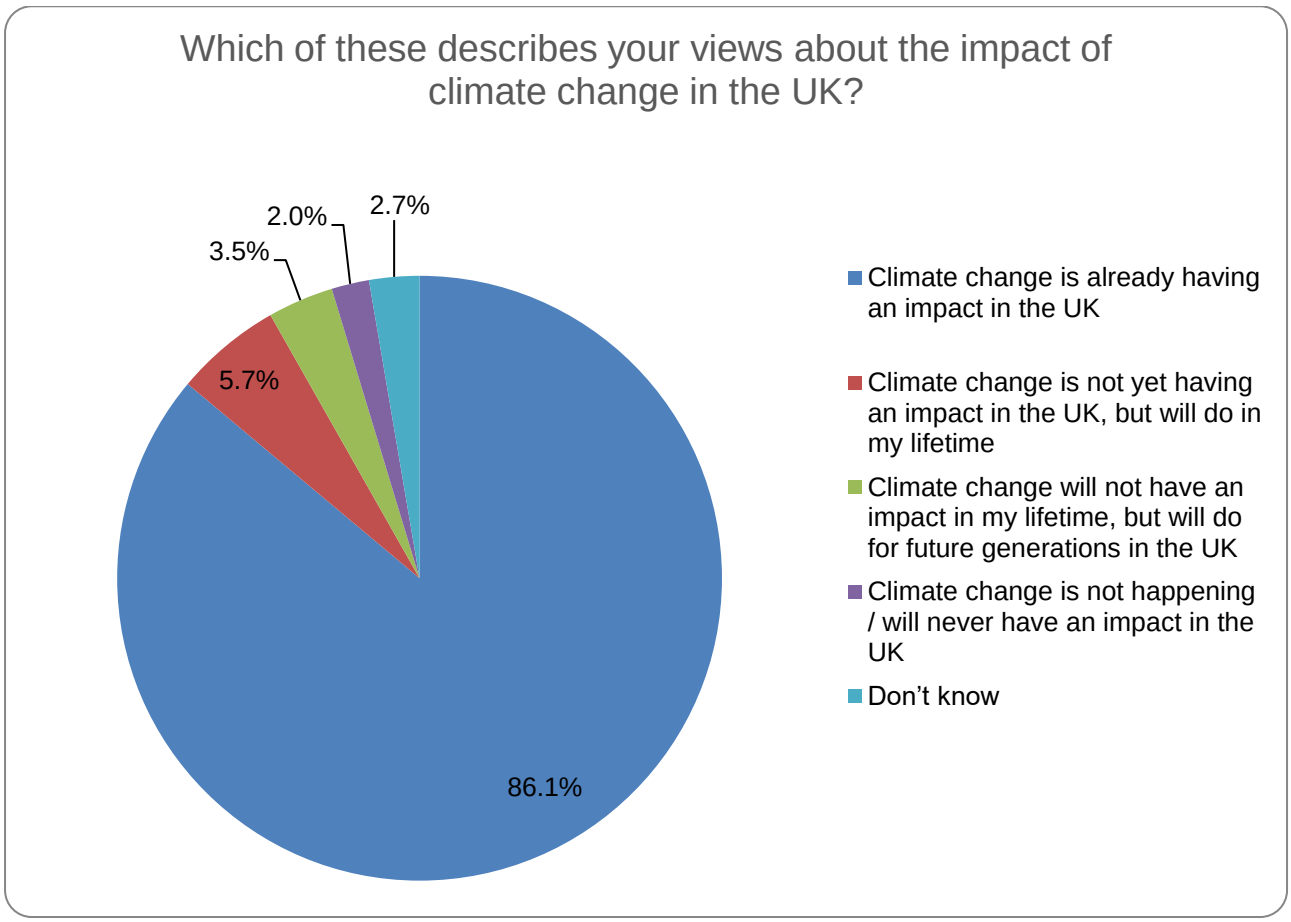


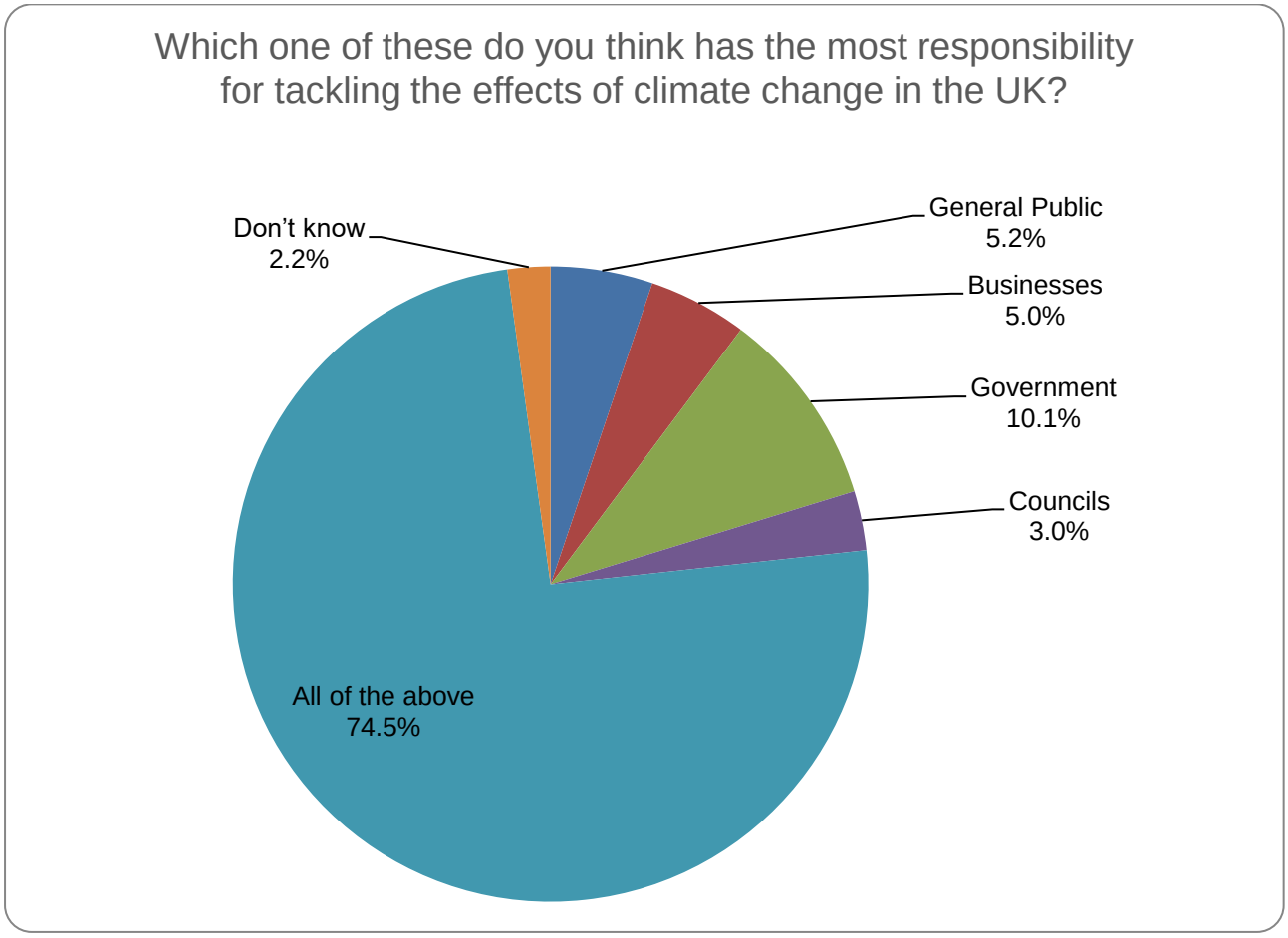
My 11yr old son needed an asthma spray at night time before lockdown, he hasn't used it since!

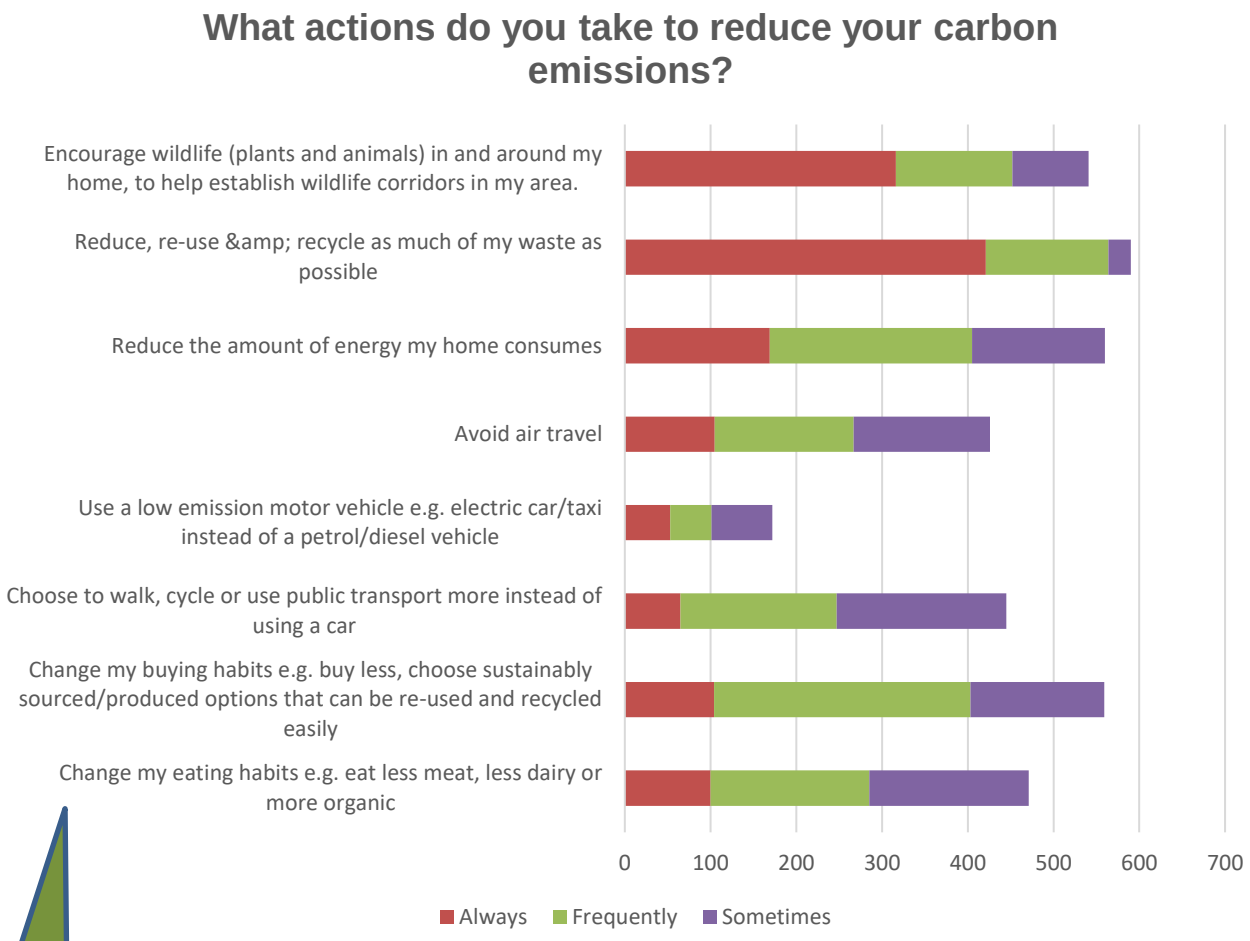
I would not put air quality at the top of the council's priority list, with so many other areas of waste in the town

I live on a main a road and air quality is a concern




Which of these describes your views about the impact of climate change in the UK?
2.0%
2.7%
3.5%
5.7%
86.1%
Climate change is already having an impact in the UK
Climate change is not yet having an impact in the UK, but will do in my lifetime
Climate change will not have an impact in my lifetime, but will do for future generations in the UK
Climate change is not happening / will never have an impact in the UK
Don't know

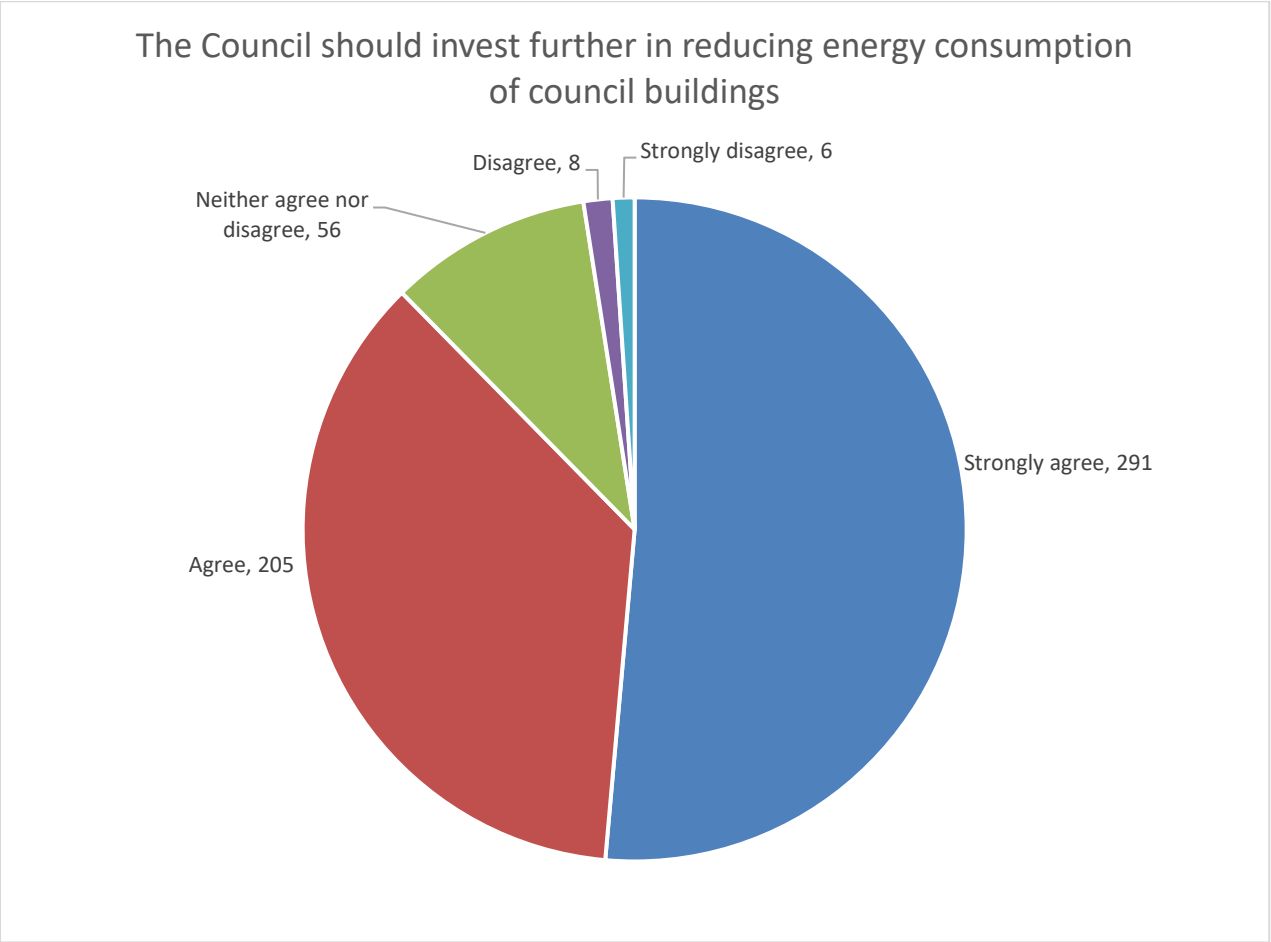

Which one of these do you think has the most responsibility for tackling the effects of climate change in the UK?
Don't know 2.2%
General Public 5.2%
Businesses 5.0%
Government 10.1%
Councils 3.0%
All of the above 74.5%



We limited our family to 2 children. This has now been proved to be 25 times better than any of the above.

Have created a community garden, re-established a hedgerow and planted trees, bushes and native plants plus look after hedgehogs and all without using pesticides or any chemicals.

There is no definitive evidence to say there is climate warming, emergency. There are cycles of climate due to natural occurring phenomena including the sun.

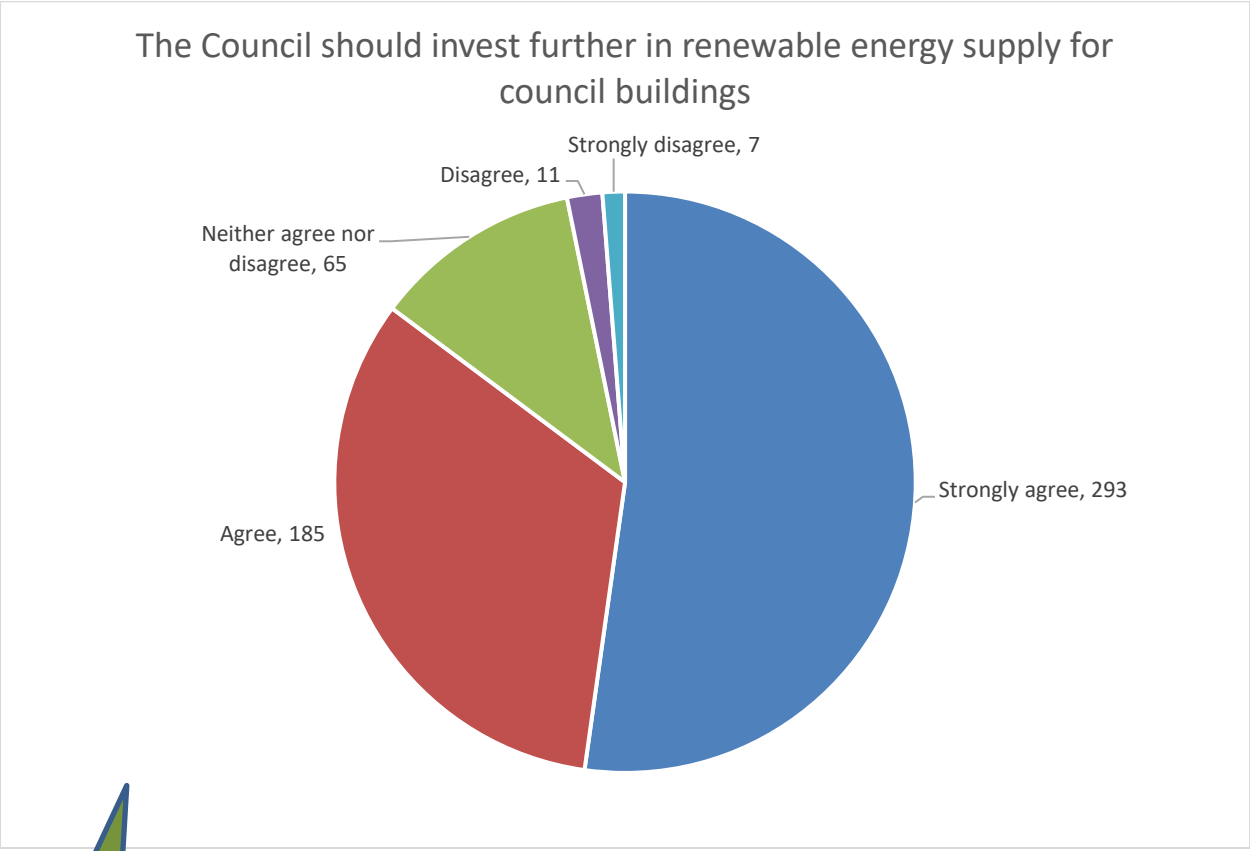


Not only should the council make its own house green, it should be educating and supporting local residents to do the same.

The Council should only prioritise investment where there is a return on that investment in the short term. Otherwise the Council should invest in its statutory duties to the citizens of Bromsgrove

Build a zero carbon, independent local energy system.

Acknowledge the climate emergency and use the Covid pandemic as an opportunity to invest accordingly.



This is basic. It demonstrates real political will to drive carbon emission reductions in the wider community

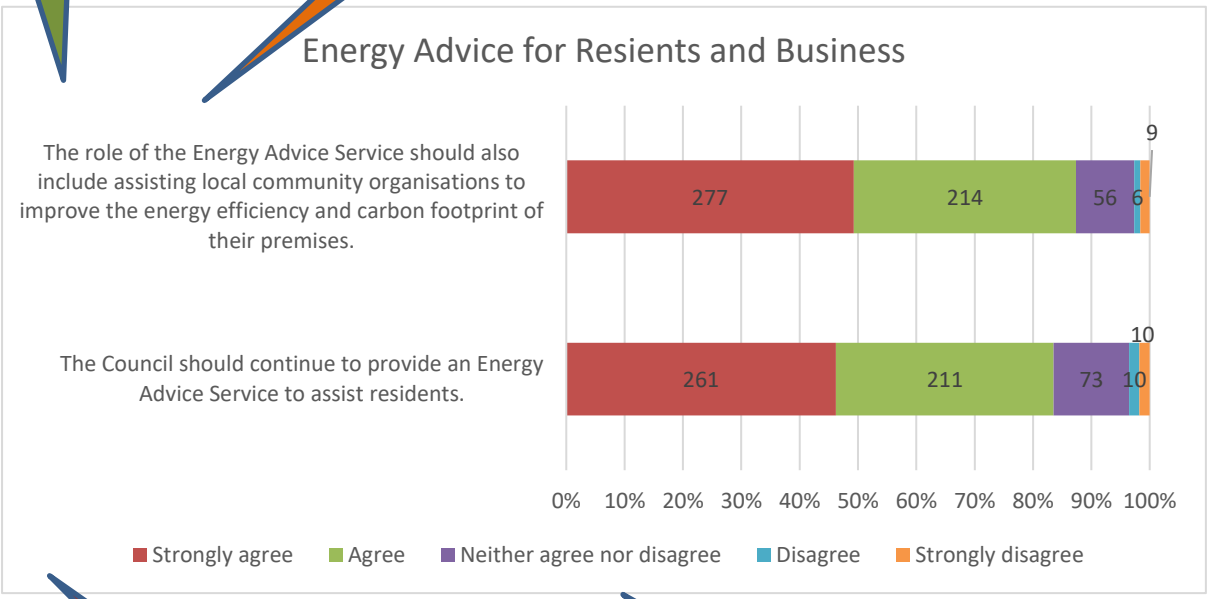
Reducing consumption is higher priority than using renewables as reduces the need

These are 'no brainers' - we all need to do this and it sets a good example. However, where there are investment costs and other investments give better 'bang for buck' then you should be flexible enough to prioritise the biggest wins. It may also make sense to invest outside the Council's area of jurisdiction in renewable energy.

I had no idea that YES Energy Solutions were providing residents with an Energy Advise Service. Perhaps this should been

We do NOT need a nanny state

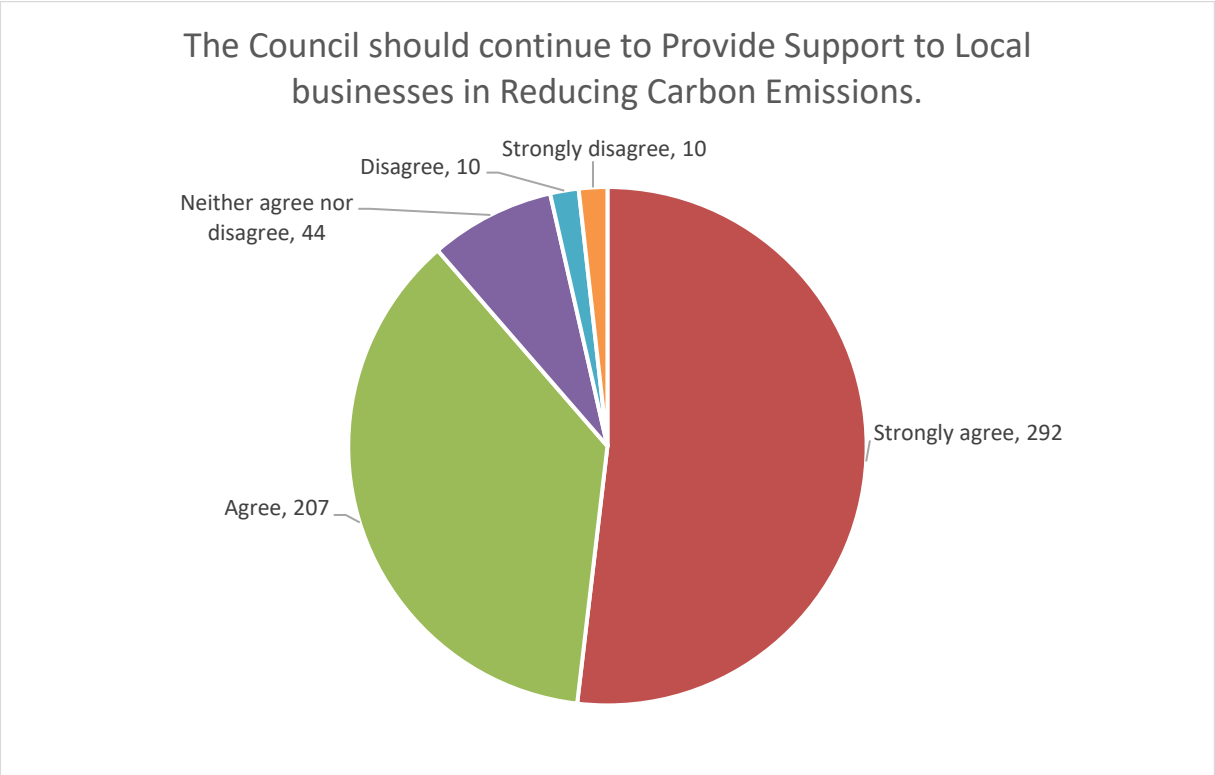
Not if it means an endless stream of salesmen at door as there was with cavity wall insulation



Energy efficiency is the responsibility of everyone, not just council or local community organisations.

Showing people how they could afford to carry out these improvements would make a huge difference

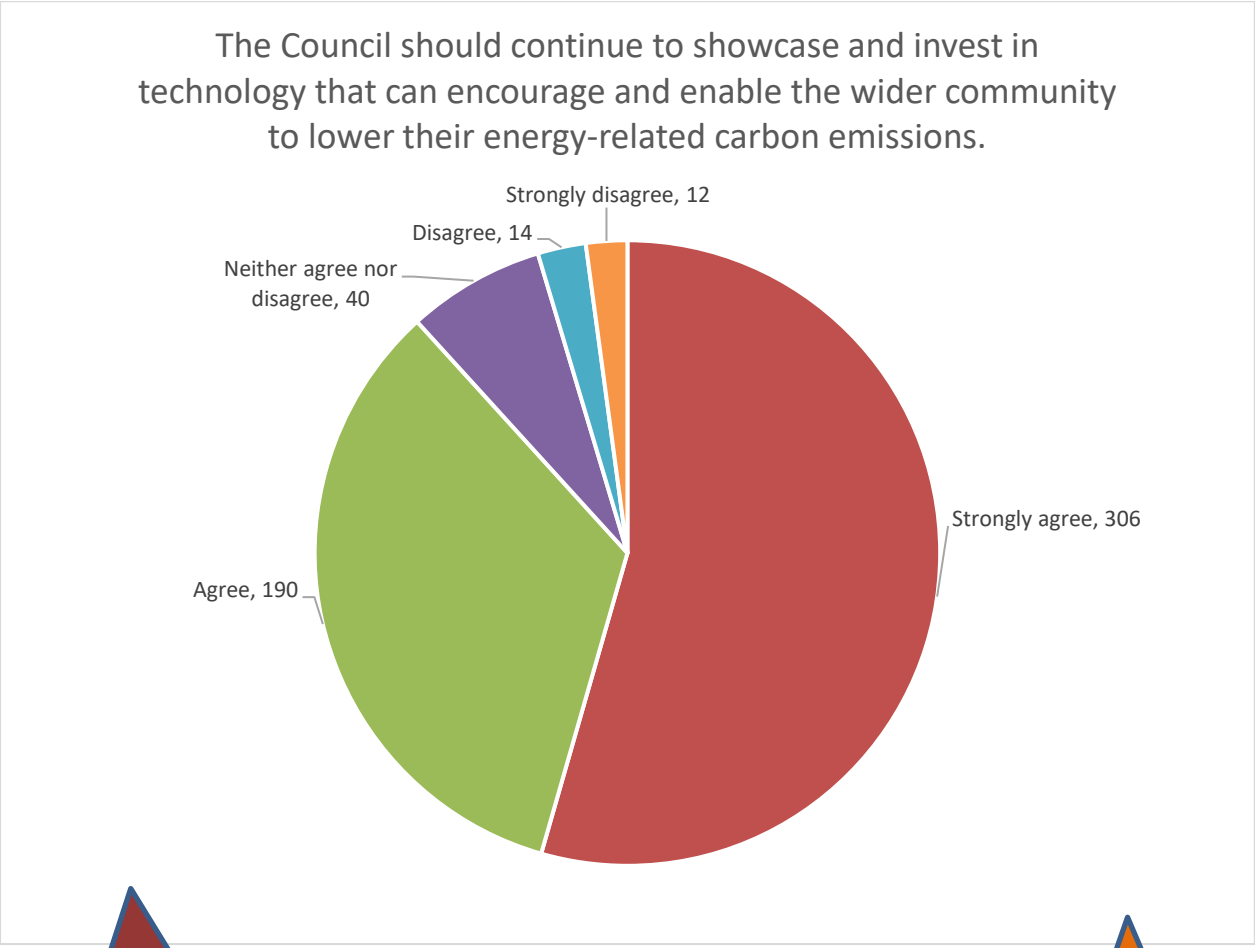
I'd like to see this publicised more widely and frequently. This is an emergency.



It often costs up front and takes quite a lot of thought, so businesses need support and an understanding of the advantages, including financial and reputational benefits.

I used to work in a cafe in Bromsgrove and they weren't even provided with a recycling bin as they had to pay more for it.

This helps Bromsgrove develop businesses that will be better placed long term, i.e. more future proofed as we move to trying to further reduce carbon output



Whilst I agree with the above, it would also be useful for a similar project for residential properties which would account for more emissions than businesses in the area

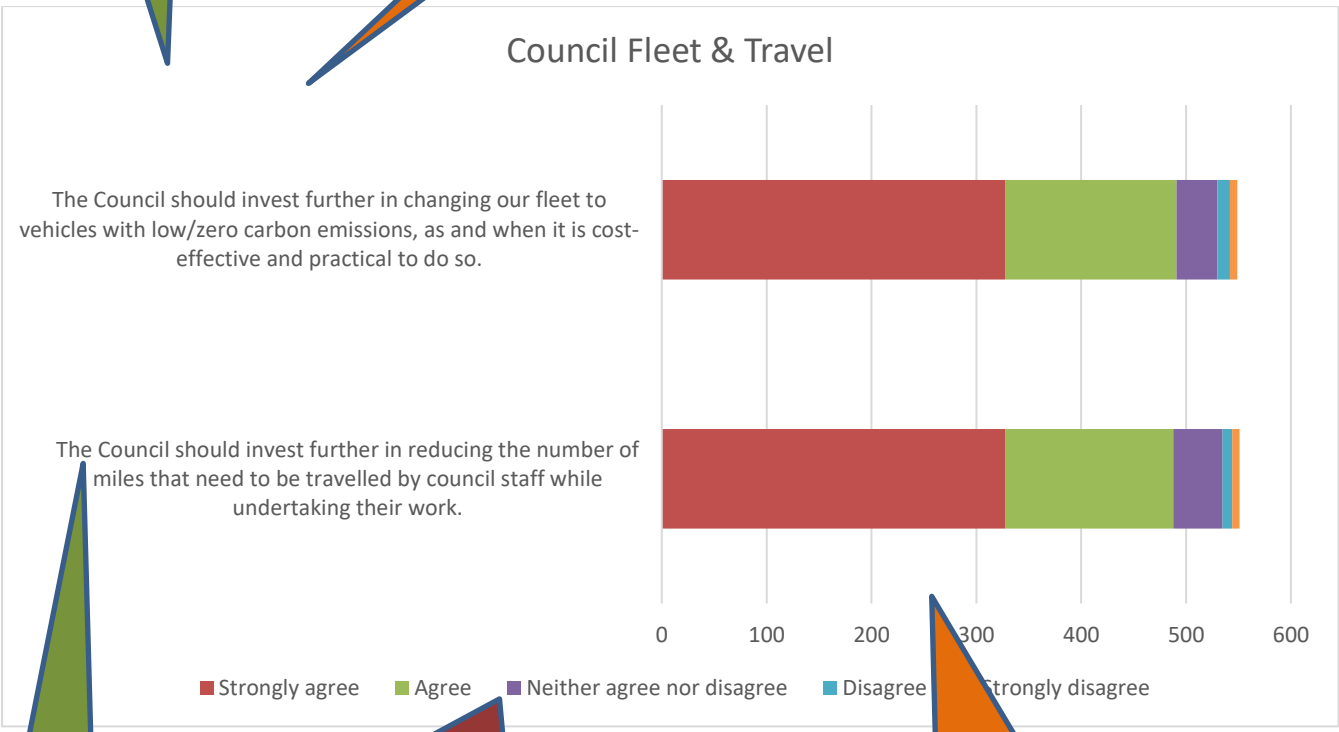
At what cost, in financial and environmental terms

Waste to Energy plant should be built to supply electricity locally

Definitely needs to be cost effective and when old vehicles have reached the end of their working life anyway.

As soon as possible!

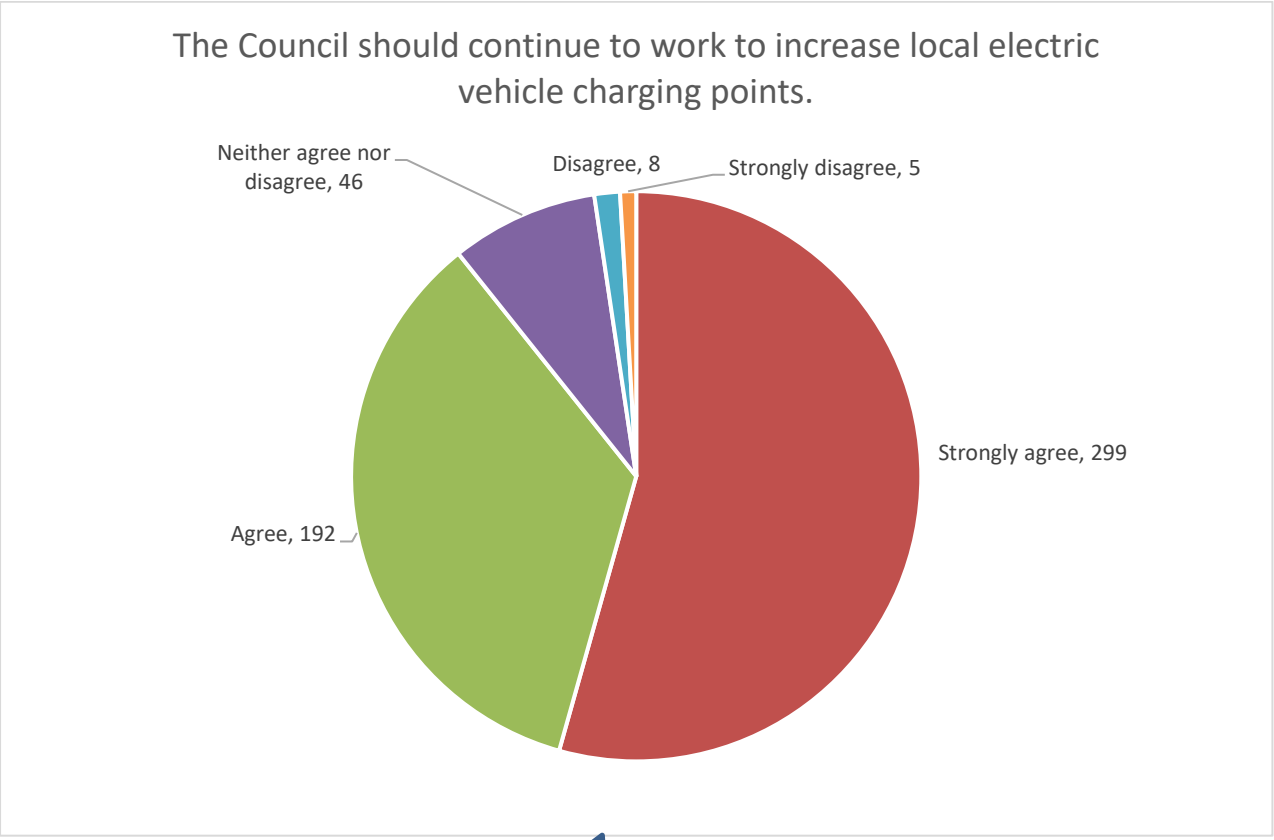
Yes, lead from the front. Perhaps approach Toyota and Hyundai to sponsor/providing/heavily subsidise a hydrogen fuel cell council car as a means of bringing this technology to the area.



Seriously look at bicycles and e-bikes. Short trips (<3 miles) can be as fast on a bike as in a car.

I agree with reducing miles travelled, I would also welcome investment in more public transport. I have lived in Bromsgrove for 25 years and have watched the bus services dwindle away in the last 15 years. I myself had to leave a job as I could no longer travel to my job when evening services were cut.

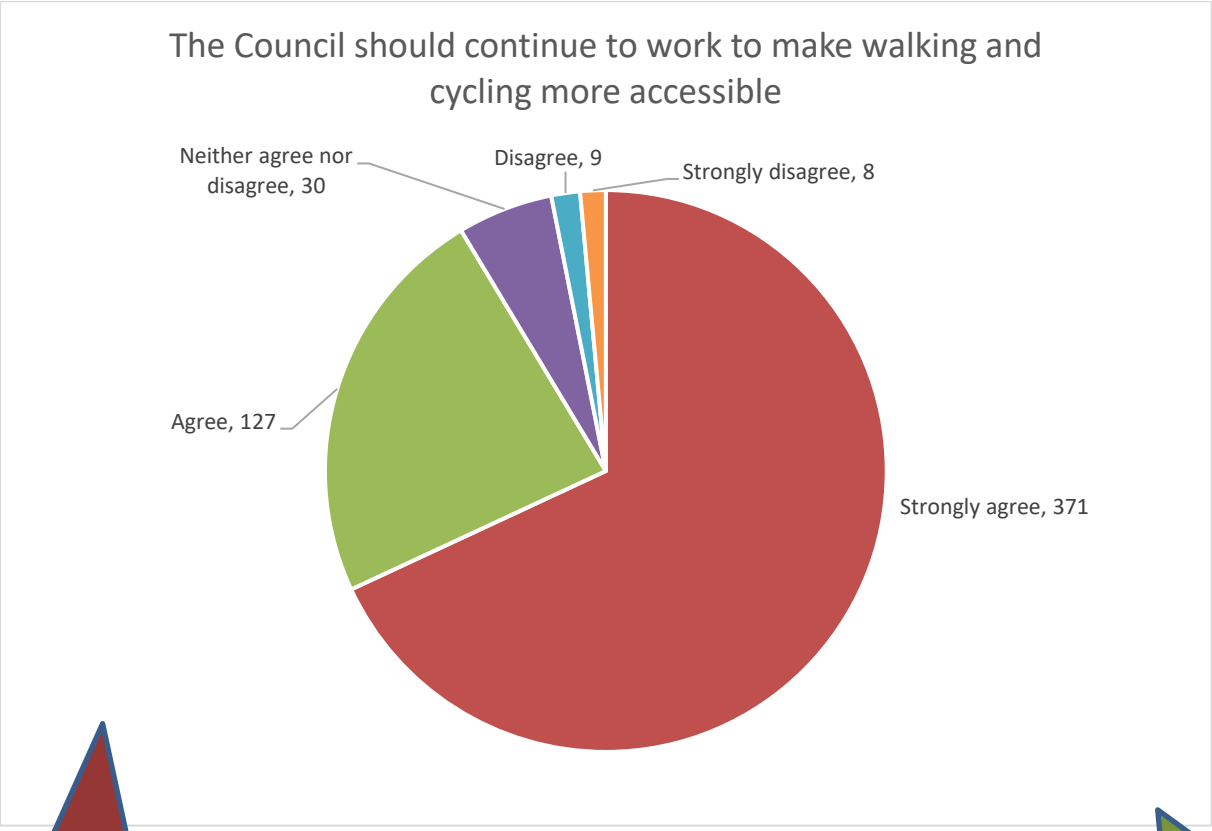
The council should focus on services and not increase costs when the benefits to the environment are minor. Surely the virus situation has shown that many council staff do not need to travel can carry out meetings via video call. Where would the fleet of new vehicles be charged. Just name one council installed charging point in Bromsgrove. One immediate benefit would be to cut councilors car related expenses if they use a very inefficient car. There are multiple councilors who drive Range Rovers. I'm sure they are able to continue doing this because of the generous council payments. That is the place to start.



Electric charging points mean space ang ground cover with tarmac and less drainage. No. Fewer cars are the answer but by fewer people as overpopulation is massive and the root cause of many of the World's problems

Friends have an electric vehicle and we are planning to purchase an electric vehicle as our next car so yes more charging points would be good for us.

I would buy an electric car tomorrow if there were more charging points



We have enough pavements to walk safely. Taxis have never worked efficiently, parked up and engines running whilst stationary. Bus services are poor. No late night to Birmingham, Worcester. Try getting from the Alex hospital by public transport to an area within Bromsgrove. Do you think £13 is acceptable for one way to town centre from Alex Hospital?

Narrow minded to widen roads for better traffic flow, instead use the money to make it safer for cyclist, numerous people don't cycle because it's too dangerous.

It's too dangerous in stoke prior to travel by foot in some main areas, this needs to be fixed. Pathways for all directions needs to be made.

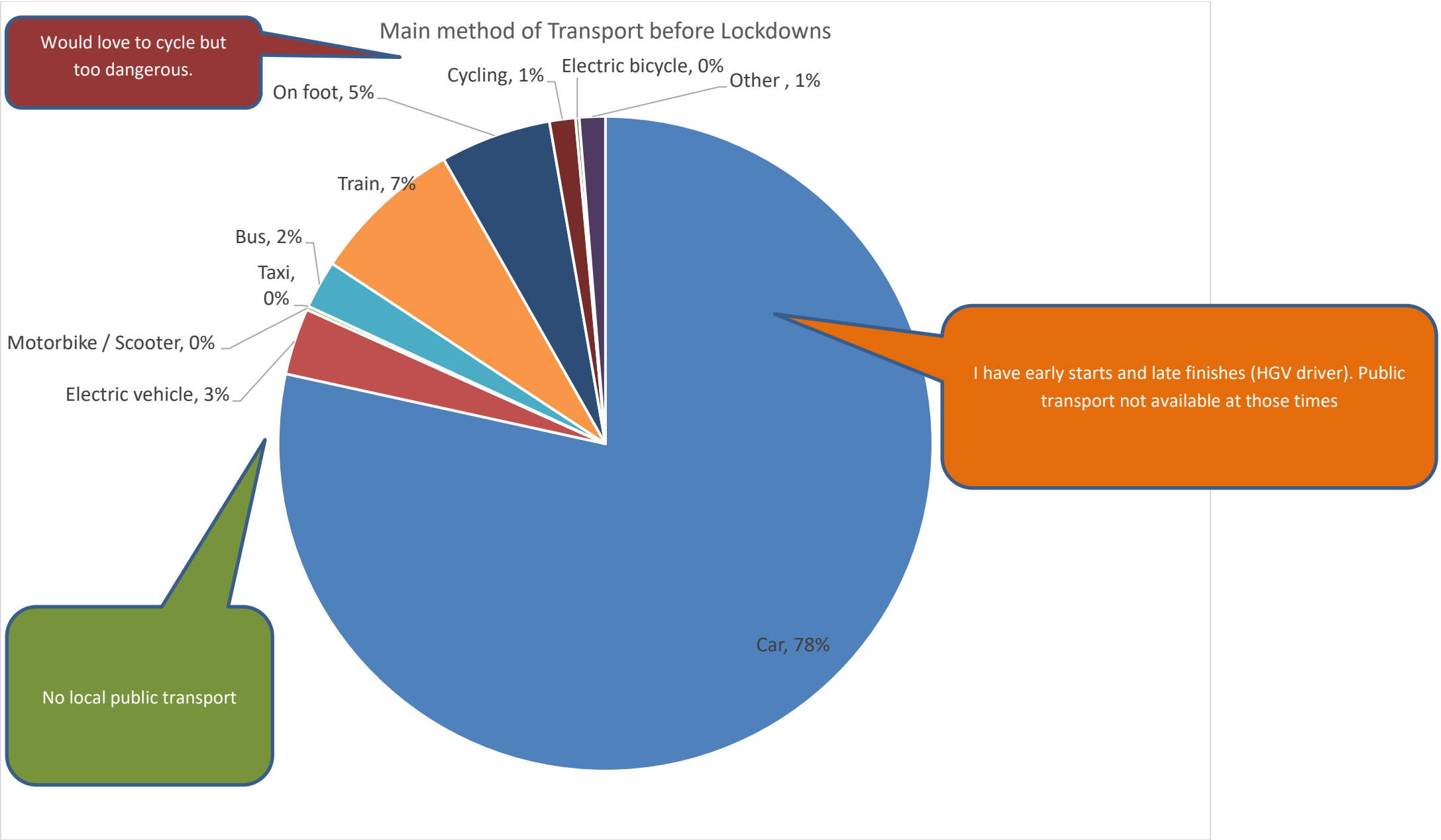
The recent lockdown period has changed travel habits for some of us. We are interested in how your travel (including work & personal) has changed and if you think this change will become permanent.

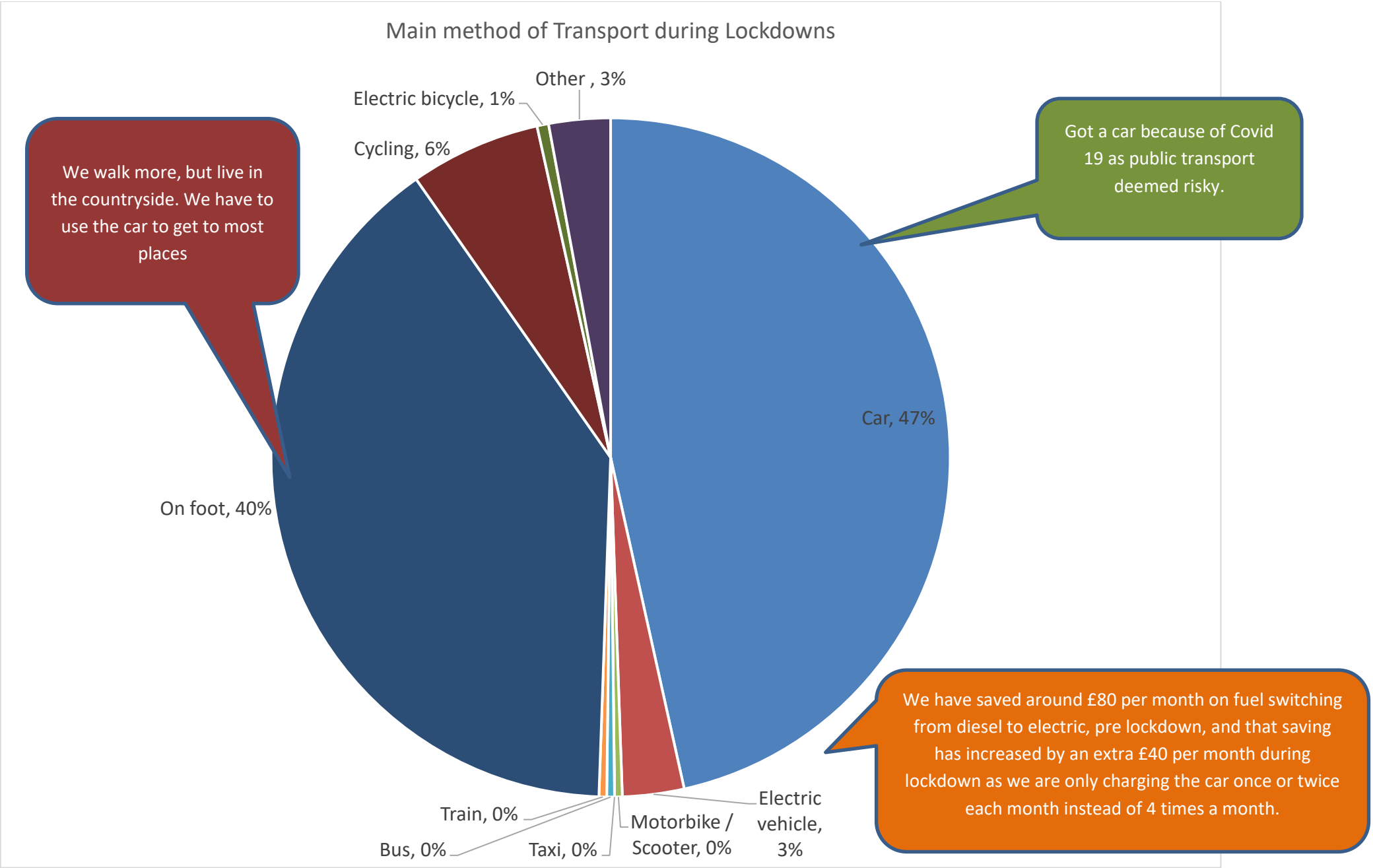
Answer Choice	0 - 10	11 - 50	51-100	101 - 200	201 - 500	501+	Response Total
Before lockdown							
How many miles did you travel on average per **week**	31	137	150	130	73	21	542
During lockdown							
How many miles did you travel on average per **week**	337	148	31	16	5	4	541
In the future							
How many miles did you travel on average per **week**	73	192	159	75	31	6	536

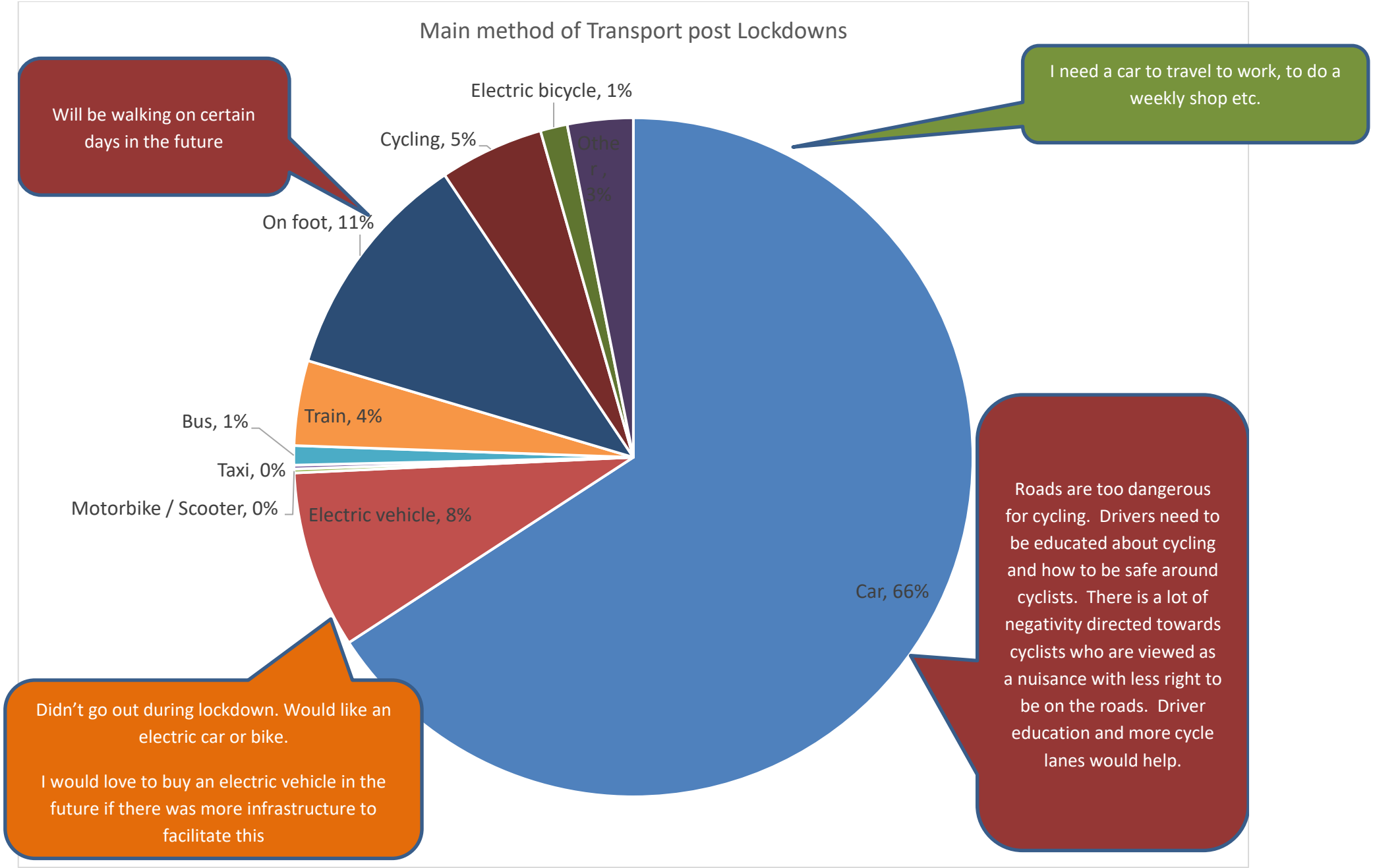
As a key worker, I was in work everyday. The miles reduced were linked to social and fitness activities. I would like to resume these in the future however going beyond the immediate future when public transport isn't advisable, I would like to reduce my miles driven by using trains more

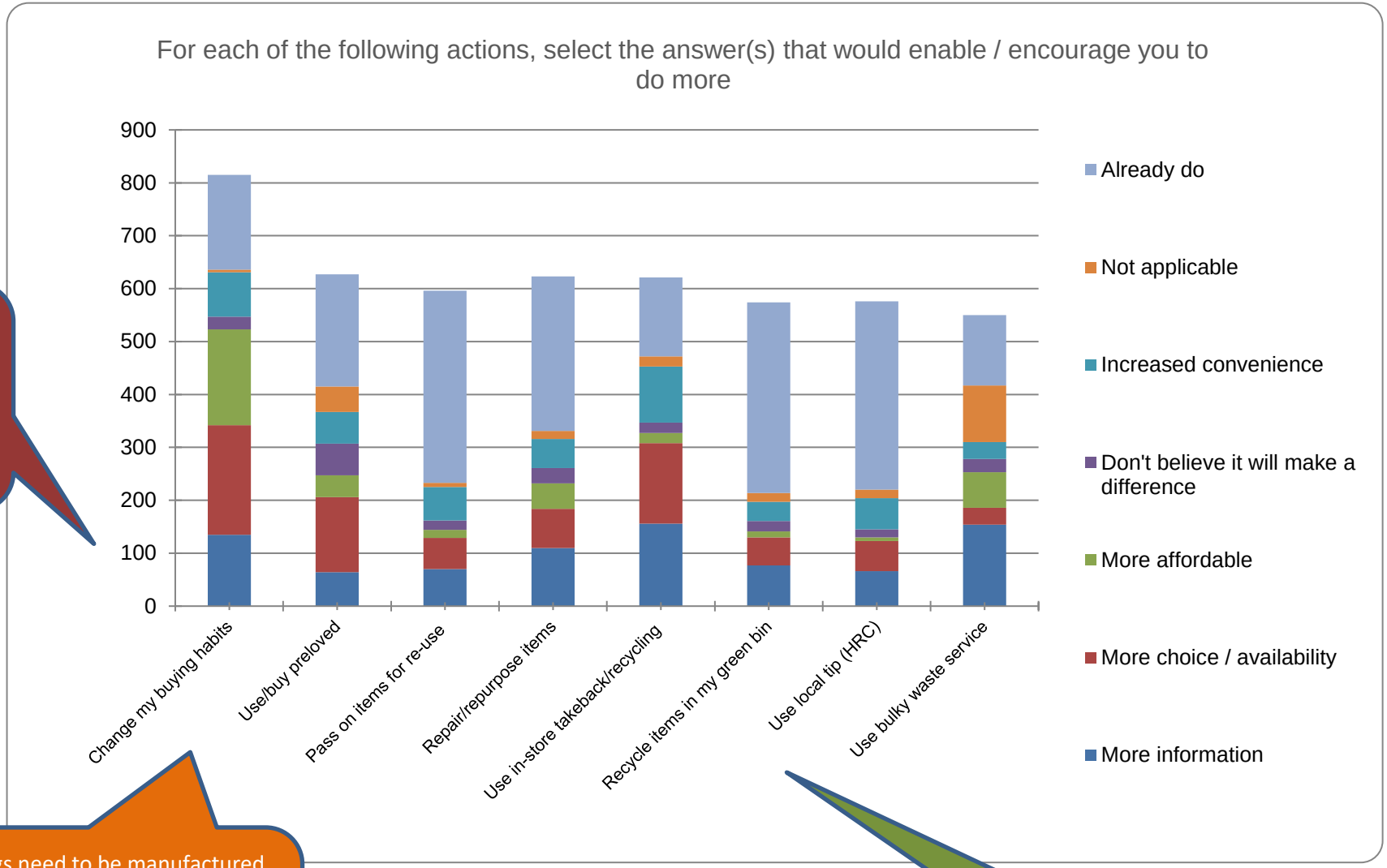
I travelled to work by bus and then worked at home during lockdown. In the short term future I shall only travel to work one or two days a week. Long-term not known.

I only travel when necessary anyways, I'm a person who hates to drive but feels I have no choice, then I only drive the bare minimum for my disable children's school/appointments.


Main method of Transport before Lockdowns
Would love to cycle but too dangerous.
Cycling, 1%
Electric bicycle, 0%
Other , 1%
On foot, 5%
Train, 7%
Bus, 2%
Taxi, 0%
Motorbike / Scooter, 0%
Electric vehicle, 3%
Car, 78%
I have early starts and late finishes (HGV driver). Public transport not available at those times
No local public transport


Main method of Transport during Lockdowns
Other , 3%
Electric bicycle, 1%
Cycling, 6%
Car, 47%
On foot, 40%
Train, 0%
Bus, 0%
Taxi, 0%
Motorbike / Scooter, 0%
Electric vehicle, 3%
We walk more, but live in the countryside. We have to use the car to get to most places
Got a car because of Covid 19 as public transport deemed risky.
We have saved around £80 per month on fuel switching from diesel to electric, pre lockdown, and that saving has increased by an extra £40 per month during lockdown as we are only charging the car once or twice each month instead of 4 times a month.

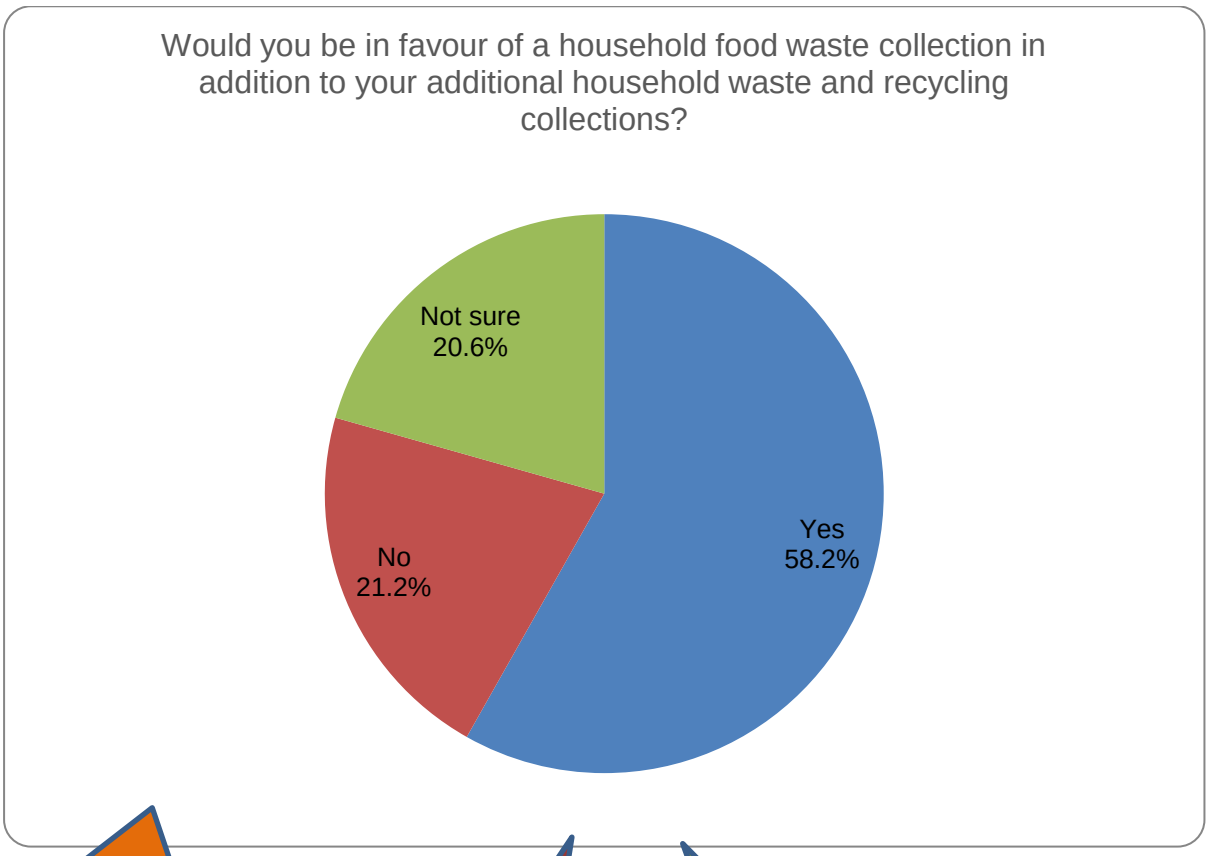

Main method of Transport post Lockdowns
Electric bicycle, 1%
Cycling, 5%
Other, 3%
On foot, 11%
Train, 4%
Bus, 1%
Taxi, 0%
Motorbike / Scooter, 0%
Electric vehicle, 8%
Car, 66%
Will be walking on certain days in the future
I need a car to travel to work, to do a weekly shop etc.
Roads are too dangerous for cycling. Drivers need to be educated about cycling and how to be safe around cyclists. There is a lot of negativity directed towards cyclists who are viewed as a nuisance with less right to be on the roads. Driver education and more cycle lanes would help.
Didn't go out during lockdown. Would like an electric car or bike.
I would love to buy an electric vehicle in the future if there was more infrastructure to facilitate this



Problem with preloved is that the design life of so many items is now less than 5 years.

Really, more things need to be manufactured and packaged using materials that are recyclable or ideally biodegradable. There need to be policies/incentives from government to make sure this happens

Using the tip is rare for me because it is so far away and also is difficult to use when you're there as it is very



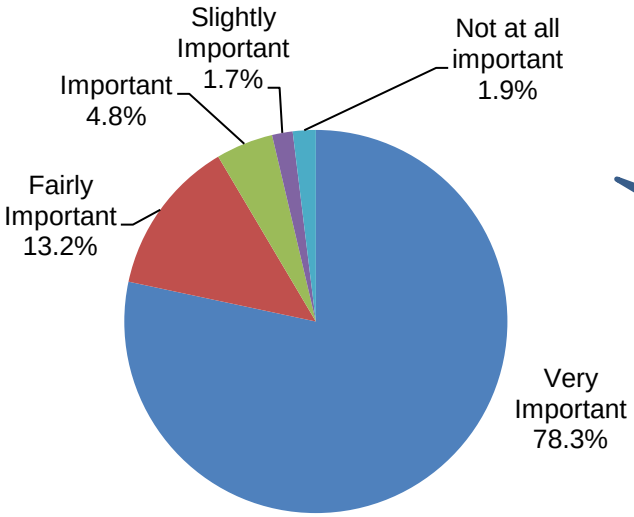
Great idea!

Collections would ned to be more frequently than fortnightly.

What would be done with the food? Not wasting so much/any in the first place is the best option.

Have a food waste bin separately, this is used in Wales and is very simple to follow

Carbon can be captured/locked in by growing plants. This can be a way to decrease carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. How important is it for the council to manage its land to maximise carbon capture?

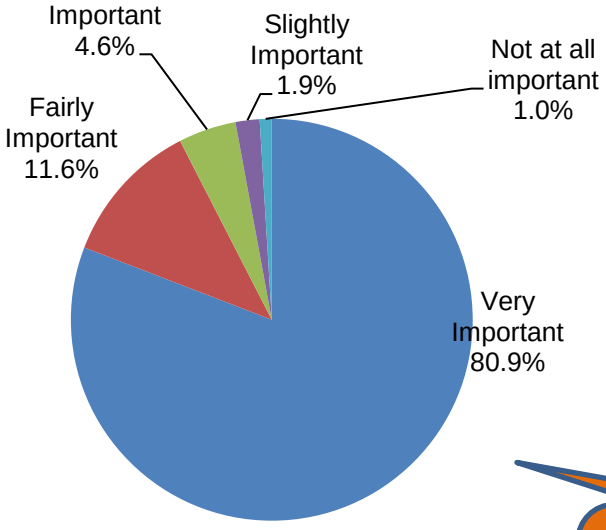


There are so many benefits to green spaces in all types from parks to allotments. They are vital. I would even say if there are more opportunities to increase green spaces from brown field sites that this is encouraged. Anyway to increase green spaces has my interest

This needs to be carefully understood. Some studies have shown that planting some trees can worsen carbon dioxide levels

Grow more trees , leave wild spaces , do not let land surrounding Bromsgrove be built on, need alternative living choices

By creating and planting a diverse range of habitats, we can encourage a greater range of wildlife species. How important is it for the Council to do this on the land that we manage?

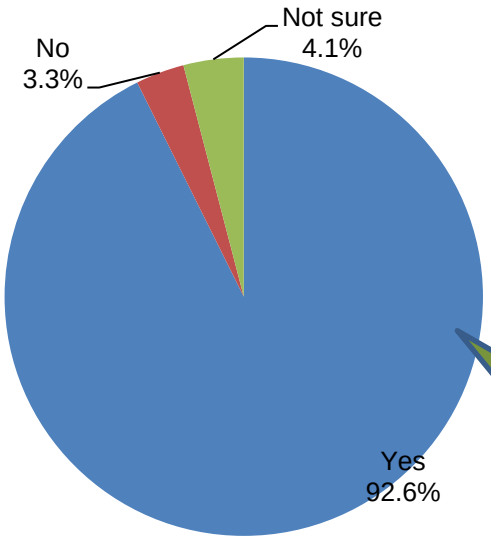


Wildlife corridors are important as are wildflower areas to encourage bees etc

Wildlife species fluctuate naturally. Birds & insects are important - don't overlook them

Not sure what is the climate change advantage to increasing wildlife species.

The Council aims to keep the grass short for visibility at traffic junctions and to keep paths accessible. We plan to increasingly manage other areas of grass differently to encourage local wildflowers and wildlife. Do you agree with this?

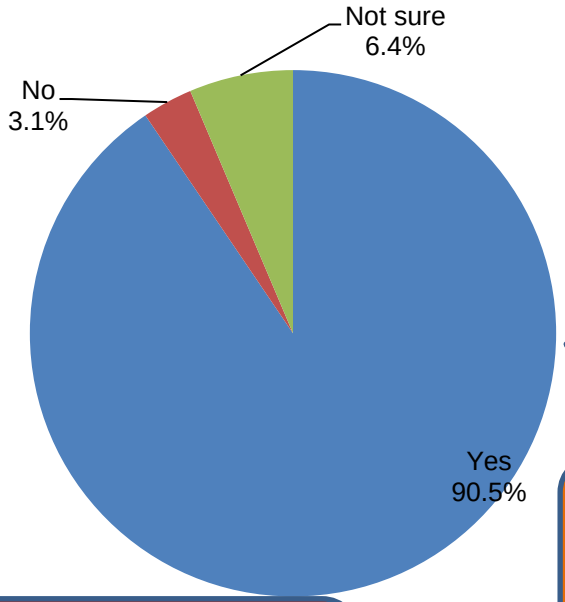


The joy of seeing our hedgerows and verges left to nature during lockdown showed how amazing this is. Plus it reduces costs. We should also encourage areas of parks and recreation land to be left to wild flower meadows and encourage education of children

It looks a mess and encourages litter

I agree that paths are important, but reducing visibility at junctions can be good as it changes driver behaviour and encourages people to drive at safer speeds

Would you support moving away from traditional planting displays to those which are better for wildlife and pollinators and which are less labour and carbon intensive to maintain?



Although I do love to see formal planting as well but the roundabouts across Bromsgove could be made to support this initiative and it doesn't mean just leave them to weeds it would require some investment in adding wild flowers

Ensure planting is U.K natural plants these support U.K. wildlife best

Traditional planting displays are somewhat boring and sterile. Well maintained flowering shrubs and insect/ bee friendly plants like lavender etc should be the norm, we should be actively encouraging biodiversity